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## MEMO

DATE: April 26, 2006

TO: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Teachers/ FFA Advisors

FROM: Robin C. McLean, *State FFA Specialist*

RE: 79<sup>th</sup> Annual National FFA Convention Attendee Information

The 79<sup>th</sup> Annual National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN from October 25-28, 2006. By now, you should have received the "First Edition of the Advisor's Planning Guide" to help you prepare for this event. Information is also available at <http://www.ffa.org/convention/index.html>

### **National FFA Convention Participant Information Timeline**

*We understand that some of these dates are prior to state certifying events, however, due to deadlines of the National FFA Organization, we need your responses.*

- **Monday, May 15 – Are you in the New Jersey Housing Block?:**
  - Send an e-mail to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us) with the subject line "Chapter Nat Con Rooms" and in the e-mail identify:
    1. Whether or not your chapter will be staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block.
    2. If you are staying in the room block, the estimated number of rooms you will need.
- **Tuesday, August 1 – Convention Attendee List, Room List, Room Deposit, Signed Code of Conduct and Advisor Statement of Assurances\*:**
  - *\*Submitting these materials in advance of the deadline is encouraged. Seeking student and parent signatures before school is out will help make a less stressful summer for you.*
  - Complete the "National Convention Participant" registration form available at <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm>
    - If you **are not** staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block, please complete tab 1 "National Convention Attendees" and then print out the Advisor Statement of Assurances for each attending advisor and/or chaperone and the Student Code of Conduct for each attending student.
    - If you **are** staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block, please complete tab 1 "National Convention Attendees", tab 2 "Room List" and then print out the Advisor Statement of Assurances for each attending advisor and/or chaperone and the Student Code of Conduct for each attending student.
  - E-mail "National Convention Participant" file to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us) with the subject "Chapter Name Nat Con Attendees"
  - Fax or mail hardcopy the Advisor Statement of Assurances and the Student Code of Conduct to the Office of Agricultural Education.

- If you are staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block, submit a check for the room deposit total indicated on tab 2 "Room List" to **Treasurer, State of New Jersey**, Office of Agricultural Education, Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330.

### **National FFA Convention Rooms**

A block of rooms has been reserved (Tuesday, October 24 - Sunday, October 29, 2006) for the New Jersey FFA delegation at the **Marriott Indianapolis East**, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219. Their phone number is (317) 352- 1231. **Room rates for the Marriott Indianapolis East per day are \$131.00 plus 15% tax.** This amount will be due directly to the hotel upon arrival/departure from the hotel. The hotel's website is <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/INDDT>

To reserve hotel rooms, a room deposit is required. Please include a check made out to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey** for \$50 deposit per room. **Rooming List Registration, Advisors Statement of Assurances, and Student Code of Conducts are due by August 1, 2006.** Please use the "National Convention Attendees" form on our Event Registration webpage. Since *space is limited*, reserve rooms early. **Be sure to specify arrival/departure date, males and females and those who will room together.** To keep costs down and to stay within our block of rooms, students from different schools will be grouped together, unless your school specifies otherwise.

### **2006 National FFA Convention Registration – Indianapolis Housing Incentive**

*(as per National FFA Organization)*

The registration fee for the 2006 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, has been set by the FFA Board of Directors at \$30 per person for those using the Indianapolis housing block. For those not using the official Indianapolis housing block, however, the standard \$40 registration fee will apply. The \$40 fee will also apply to those who drive in locally to the convention.

### **Career Development Events**

Information regarding career development event certification is available online at

<http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm> Please refer to the posting "2006 Career Development Event Team Certification" for deadlines and the certification procedure.

### **Convention Registration**

Convention registration for 2006 will use the online procedure New Jersey was a pilot for last year.

Information about registration is available at

[http://www.ffa.org/convention/html/pln\\_registration\\_info.htm](http://www.ffa.org/convention/html/pln_registration_info.htm)